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TO: POLSON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT , GIVE BACK TO BONNIE

**POLSON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Fairgrounds Fire Station No. 1**July 26, 2016****5:00 p.m.**

Notice: All meetings for the Polson Rural Fire District Board of Trustees are recorded.

Board trustee members present: R. Jack Clapp, Ron Roberts, Jack Konitz, Fred Nelson, John Doty.**Board trustee member absent:** None**Staff:** Fire Chief Paul Laisy, Finance Officer Bonnie M. Manicke.**Guests/Visitors:** Tom Eddy, OEM Officer Steve Stanley, Captain Drew Hoel, Lieutenant Grant Clapp, Lieutenant Will Woodger, Matt Dougherty, Mike Hingiss, Zach Houle, Derrik Gerke.**Chair Clapp opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00 p.m. {00:05}.**

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA {00:34} – Chair Clapp introduced the meeting as a request by Chief Laisy to consider a 2010 Freightliner all wheel drive 6X6, Detroit diesel, under 5,000 miles. The meeting was noticed on the rural fire department website and KERR radio. No additional agenda items will be considered this evening. Chief Laisy thanked the board for being available for the special meeting to consider future needs in the district. An equipment replacement schedule has not been developed. The project is something that can be done in the future. Current plans are to build a fire station in the south area of the district, fire equipment modifications including fire hose, and appliances on the apparatus. The projects will be a priority to complete before taking on any new projects. The Freightliner project is one that can be put in storage as a future project. The 2010 Freightliner is military surplus with pto's, under 5,000 miles, driveable and in good shape. The unit may need a new battery, tire replacement. DNRC modified a unit as a water tender, wildland vehicle built on the chassis with a steel tank and small pump similar to the district's grass rig. It works very well and carries the load easily. The units are listed on Ebay for \$69,500. The military paid \$169,000 new for the unit. Missoula Rural Fire District has built one with a 500 gallon minute pump and a 2500 gallon tank which works on all terrains. Through a financial campaign in the community and in house efforts, the unit can be adapted to service wildland and structure responses. The cost to build the unit with a 20-year life span is \$50,000 to \$80,000. Lt. Woodger indicated the Freightliner is generally designed to pull a trailer. DNRC Missoula has acquired 20 units in the past six months. The 2010 units are turn key and ready to drive. The biggest concern is safety with the units built to carry extreme loads. DNRC is willing to help with any needs. Trustee Nelson questioned the cost. The vehicle is free; the only cost is delivery with three slated for Montana. Occasionally a unit may require a new tire. The time limit to put the unit in service is one year as a road ready unit. If equipment is taken off the truck and sold, the funds can be used to refurbish the truck. The unit can be shipped or driven to a location. The initial shipping quote is \$2,000. Originally 20 were slated for Montana with three remaining. The truck is built for wildland response. Within a year the truck needs to be licensed, insured and perform some type of activity. The unit does not have a warranty. A video showing the adaptability of the Freightliner to a fire unit was available.

{29:26} Trustee Nelson motion to purchase one Freightliner, explore possibilities, with the understanding the unit only has to be licensed and insured within twelve months, utilize the unit as a wrecker or whatever, check on the freight cost from California, and work with DNRC to acquire the truck. Whatever money is raised or donated will be put into a fund for this truck. The project is not going to be piece mealed. The truck will sit until funds are available to complete the entire project; noting the Chief recognizes there are other priorities. Chair Clapp commented the limitation to complete the project as a whole doesn't seem realistic. If the firefighters through their own efforts raise or donate money to get some of the basic things done (example radio), it should not be limited. Trustee Nelson stood by his motion. Captain Hoel commented no district funds can be used; although private funds may be used. Trustee Nelson stood by his motion. **Trustee Roberts second.**

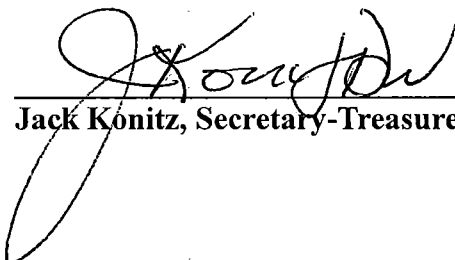
Captain Hoel noted a lot of volunteer hours are going into the project. Chair Clapp called the question. **VOTE: Trustees Nelson, Roberts, Doty for; Chair Clapp opposed. Trustee Konitz abstained. Motion carried.** Chief Laisy asked if the approval is for one or two. Trustee Roberts replied the remaining apparatuses are limited; although it is a good price. Trustee Konitz indicated it is a good deal. Chief Laisy appreciates the board making this decision and assures to complete the other tasks and goals before undertaking the Freightliner project.

Chair Clapp motion to adjourn. Trustee Roberts second. Motion passed unanimously.

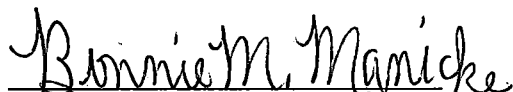
Adjourn 5:33 p.m.



R. Jack Clapp, Chair



Jack Konitz, Secretary-Treasurer



Bonnie M. Manicke, Recorder

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AGENDA

Polson Rural Fire District Trustee Special Meeting

July 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Station #1 (Fairgrounds Station)

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

New Business -

Consider 2010 6X6 Freightliner with under 5000 miles, diesel automatic at no cost (except getting it).

Adjourn

**All residents of the Polson Rural Fire District and interested general public are encouraged to attend. Resident's questions and ideas help to keep the trustees informed and assist them in formulating their decisions. Any member of the public wishing to submit items for Board review/consideration needs to submit them to the Board Clerk Jack Kónitz (email sskonitz@gmail.com) at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting. For a full text of approved minutes contact board clerk or find available at county court house. For a view of the upcoming agenda please go to www.polsonruralfire.org